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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NIS Conference

1. Arrangements have now been made for an NIS Conference to be held on 6-7 November at [REDACTED] You are hereby invited to participate. 25X1A6a

25X1A6a 2. Plans call for the conference group to leave the [REDACTED] by private car at 1430 on Tuesday, 5 November, and to arrive by 1730 at [REDACTED]. Dinner will be followed by a brief introductory session. Dress will be informal. 25X1A6a

3. The conference agenda is attached. Storage facilities for classified materials will be provided at the site.

4. Please confirm your acceptance to [REDACTED] (X3334), who will answer questions on car assignments, transportation of classified material, or other items concerning the conference. 25X1A9a

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Director  
Basic and Geographic Intelligence

Attachment:  
Schedule for NIS Conference

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SCHEDULE FOR NIS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 5 November 1968

1930

Brief Introduction to NIS Conference

Wednesday, 6 November 1968

0900-1015

I. The NIS and the Concept of Basic Intelligence

What should be the role of the NIS in the entire basic intelligence field?

A. Is there a continuing requirement for a structured interagency program of coordinated, authoritative, and reliable basic intelligence to be on hand for time of need? Is the postwar concept of contingency intelligence still valid?

B. Have NIS Program efforts in recent years to strike a balance between production resources available to the NIS and identifiable user requirements been consistent with the basic NIS concept?

C. What is the NIS fundamentally expected to accomplish? What is the relative role of this Program within the whole Intelligence Community support of national security?

1015-1045

Break

1045-1200

II. Use and Users of the NIS

A. How might we gain more precise knowledge of the NIS user and how and for what purpose the various products of the Program are used?

B. For the purpose of making the NIS more useful to the consumer, can we establish a more effective system of consumer feedback that would provide an accurate measure of consumer requirements?

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C. Might formal interagency user surveys be more effective in evaluating the need for various components of the NIS?

D. Have we attained the fullest possible market for NIS products, particularly the General Survey? Is security classification a restrictive factor in this regard?

1200-1330

Lunch

1330-1445

III. The Finished Product

A. The General Survey

1. Is it falling short or overfulfilling objectives? Do certain topics require greater depth?

2. Is the current production rate inadequate or excessive?

3. Would there be advantages to distributing General Survey sections separately?

1445-1515

Break

1515-1630

III. The Finished Product (continued)

B. The Detailed Sections

1. Has the elimination or consolidation of selected sections improved or adversely affected the Program? Are certain additions needed?

2. Are certain sections too elaborate or expensive in their present format? Are modifications indicated?

3. Should products primarily of departmental interest be continued as part of the NIS Program?

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C. The Factbook

1. Is the present scope, format, and frequency of revision meeting user needs?

2. Is there a more efficient way of publishing the Factbook?

1630-1900

Dinner

1900-2000

IV. Coordination of Basic Intelligence and the NIS

A. Are the basic charges to the DCI and to CIA for the NIS and other basic intelligence still valid in the light of today's requirements?

B. What coordination is feasible and desirable and how best can it be achieved?

C. In view of limited resources, should stronger measures be taken to eliminate unnecessary duplication in basic intelligence production?

D. What is the proper role of the NIS Committee? Are changes in its function, membership, or operation indicated?

2000-2100

V. NIS Producers: CIA, DIA, Non-USIB's

A. Is the current level of support for the Program adequate?

B. Is the NIS competing with departmentally produced basic intelligence? What is the effect?

C. Can NIS production problems arising from priority conflicts be reduced? Can producers arrange workloads and staffing to better meet NIS schedules?

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0900-1015

VI. Substantive Review, Editing, and Processing

A. Are current quality control standards adequate or overdone? How much can we depend on producing components for quality control?

B. How should the responsibility and authority for substantive review be divided between contributor and OBGI reviewers?

C. In general, do OBGI review and processing techniques need revision?

D. Can processing-printing time be shortened?

1015-1045

Break

1045-1200

VII. Maps and Other Graphics

A. Are the quality and quantity of NIS maps and other graphics adequate? Are changes in style and presentation indicated?

B. Are some of our presentations too elaborate, too expensive? Is more use of color photography desirable?

*Summary Map  
2-3 Map*

VIII. A New Format for Basic National Intelligence

A. What are the implications of computer technology for basic intelligence? Is the NIS taking proper advantage of computer advances?

B. Are we satisfied with EPIC? Do the advantages to OBGI, PSD, and the contributor outweigh the disadvantages? What changes would improve the balance?

1200-1330

Lunch

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IX. Wrap-up

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